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Oakland Stake Proud; Gets New Welfare Farm Near Hayward

David O. McKay

David O. McKay, counsellor to President George Albert Smith, said at the dedication of "This is the Place" Monument, July 24, 1947: "Monuments are links that unite one generation to another . . Brigham Young had in mind that from this center there should radiate to all the world a message of truth, insofar as it would be possible for that little band and those who followed them to declare that truth to the world, to establish brotherhood and above all, faith in God, our Father . . . He had in mind to establish in this place worship, industry education, and mutual service." It is only fair to say that President David O. McKay is a delightful example of all the above things that Brigham Young had in mind.

Negotiations have been completed for the purchase of a fertile 20 acre farm by the Oakland stake for its welfare needs. This announcement comes from the offices of the presidency of the stake, and is the happy consumation of many months of searching the available sites that have been offered for the purposes of the welfare plan whereby it is hoped to make each stake and each region as independent as possible in supplying its own welfare needs in every particular.

The farm secured lies three miles beyond Hayward on the road to Niles, and is said to be composed of a rich, black loam soil, of good texture and fertility, now bearing an eighteen acre tomato crop. There is also two acres containing a six-room house, a barn, and a mixed orchard of apricot, peach and walnut bearing trees.

Two wells are available on the farm for irrigation, although the tomato crop can be raised without irrigation. However it is felt that better results can be had by utilization of all the water that can be secured on the place from the present wells and others that may be sunk as needed. There are also on the place the usual chickenhouse and also a pigeon house, and an old structure that can be converted, it is felt, into a garage. It is stated that the place is pretty well run down, but that the house can easily be put into good shape for the farm family that will be sought to supervise the farm for the stake.

The cost of the Oakland stake farm is announced as $25000 of which the Church Welfare Committee will loan three-fourths. $6250, the stake's one-fourth of the total price of $25,000, will be raised and paid by the stake by the middle of October. The stake will thereafter pay back to the Church $3750 annually without interest for five years at which time the place will have been fully paid for by Oakland stake. It is believed that the farm can be made, not only to produce the stake welfare budget each year, but to raise the annual payments of $3750.

Oakland stake is also planning an expansion of the Gould street welfare plant in the near future whereby the cannery there will include an A-cannery. An A-cannery, it is explained, is largely automatic in its operations, but also much more efficient in that it will be state inspected and will be able to can, not alone the acid fruits and vegetables, but any of the vegetables, fruits, and also meats practically perfect. Automatic in its operations, the A cannery requires considerable less manpower, thus saving many hours of labor.

Hayward Chapel Nears Completion

Excellent progress is being made on the Hayward chapel, as reported by President Hilton who with others of the presidency and members of the High Council held the Hayward Conference September 21. The structure is very impressive in its appearance even at this stage of its erection. and gives evidence that it will be one of the very excellnt chapels which are to be found in Northern California. The roof is now partly on, and the building as a whole taking definite shape.

The site for the Hayward chapel is large and commodious, and situated on grounds that oversee the entire bay area and yet is in a very desirable part of the city proper. The lot is nearly two acres in area, sufficient to allow space for considerable parking and also provide for a welfare garden of liberal scope.

"The people of Hayward are going forward in this chapel construction in fine spirit," comments President Hilton, "and are responding heroically to all calls made upon them As many as 42 have been out working at one time, even the ladies showing that they can paint and also clean up the grounds as needed as well as serve refreshments to the other workers. It is stated that most of the work is done at night under splendid illumination."

Much credit is due to the bishopric and committees as well as to the entire membership of Hayward ward for the wonderful progress that has been made to date. Great will be the rejoicing when the complted structure stands before them, and they can enter and

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Know The Gleaner Girl Program?

You male members of the Church, and you ladies beyond the Gleaners age, ask yourself: what do I know of the wonderfully interesting and inspiring program of the Gleaner Girls?

The Gleaner organization had its birth in the spring of 1921 in Granite stake where they first tried to give the group an opportunity to follow the activities they desired along lines of their interest. So successful did the Granite experiment prove that at the June Conference, 1922 the plan was presented to all the stakes. The name Gleaner was suggested by Sister Ruth May Fox who also gave the MIA the words to the song, "Carry On." In 1937 Mrs. Rose Wallace gave the Gleaner Sheaf to the pro-

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M Men And Gleaner Girls Public Opinion Poll Tried

A Messenger public opinion poll of M Men and Gleaner Girls of two wards each in the Oakland and Berkeley stakes was carried out quietly Tuesday, September 22 1947. The wards selected for this sampling were Dimond, Oakland, Claremont and Berkeley. Opinions on ten selected items were polled, and a total of 93 responses were received, including 14 from Dimond, 21 from Oakland, 23 from Berkeley and 15 from Claremont. Many leaders helped and we wish to thank especially Thomas S. Ferguson, Heber J. Brown, Annetta Wood and Dale F. Barlow.

CHURCH SPEAKERS

Naming things they like in a speaker, these young church members listed: speaking to the point, not apologetic, humor, honesty, clear diction, sincerity, good voice, interesting subject, short, practical, poise, intelligence, not reading, not pounding on the pulpit, deliberateness, informality, enthusiasm, good enunciation, humbleness cheerfulness, no repetition, fluent, challenging, loud, well organized, well prepared, mastery of subject, liberal and interesting.

PET PEEVES

Pet peeves showed that the younger set are wisely observant, and frank in criticism when felt to be justified. Some peeves were: less whispering during meetings—a frequently mentioned peeve was that others whispered to them too much; too much Word of Wisdom in talks; too much non-scriptural preaching; leaving the apostles too little time at the end of meetings; noise during Sunday school; late starting of meetings; too many teachers' and officers' meetings; tardiness of people; holding meetings overtime; women's hats in church; too much bragging; lack of reverence; too few flowers;

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Oakland Temple Site Enlarged

The Church has at last succeeded in purchasing an additional two acres adjoining the present temple site in the East Oakland foothills. Thus the beautiful plot is enlarged to a total of sixteen acres, and is moreover assured of a proper entrance approach by way of new Lincoln avenue from the assured enlarged six-lane Mountain boulevard.

This good news was relayed to the Messenger by President Eugene Hilton who, with other brethern, has been intermediary for the Church in the long negotiations now consummated, having three times been approved bu not quite completed previously.

It is pointed out that now the top of the high area of the hill on the site can be pulled down to fill the lower section below the hill and thus make the entrance level with the new Lincoln avenue which will join Mountain boulevard as above mentioned. It is believed now that a plan can be worked which will provide an entrance to a reception hall and information bureau, and an easy access to the temple itself without having long stairs to climb.

Obtaining this acreage to round out the commanding temple site has been the cause of much rejoicing on the part of the brethern. It is now said that plans for the temple itself will not be unduly delayed, although there has been no definite promise made in this regard.

Oakland Stake Conference Nears

Special Music and a Special Benefit Food Sale

The Quarterly Stake Conference of the Oakland stake will convene in the Oakland ward chapel on MacArthur Boulevard and Webster street, Saturday and Sunday, October 25 and 26, 1947. The meetings will begin with the Welfare meeting at 6:30 p.m., Saturday, followed by the Leadership meeting at 8 p.m. Sunday morning at nine the priesthood will meet in the chapel and the ladies of the entire stake in the recreation hall. At 10:30 and again at 2 o'clock, Sunday, the regular sessions of the conference will convene, with a missionary meting at 1 p.m. TheM.I.A will conduct a fine program in the evening of Sunday at 7.

The music for the two sessions of the Conference will be of a very special nature. The entire ensemble of singers that produced the remarkable Oakland stake musical festival for three days, September 10, 11 and 12, will be presented to the conference in glorious numbers led by Stake music director Rodney Pocock. Special arrangement on the pulpit has had to be made to accomodate the large ensemble and its soloists. Emma Matheson will be at the organ, and Rollin Jensen will accompany on the piano.

Luncheon at the Conference on Sunday will be served by the stake Sunday School board and the entire proceeds will be turned over to the fund for the purchase of the new stake farm. Likewise the Relief Society will conduct a pastry sale at the close of the Saturday night session of the Conference all for the benefit of the stake farm fund. Everyone is expected to remember these food sales and to govern themselves accordingly. Variety and taste appeal will be the criterion for both events and will satisfy the entire family, it is felt.

Know What Our M Men Are Doing

We'll suppose that you are not eligible by age to be a M Man; then, how much of the Men Men's really great program do you know? You hear of the M Men's basketball teams and games and of M Men and Gleaners' dances now and then, and perhaps of their banquets and other parties. But there's almost an iron curtain of age and time that prevents the average Church member from knowing the inner and finer parts of the M Men's program, for the year 1947-48 in particular. But it's interesting to get a glimpse of it.

While you are in your special interest meetings, let's suppose, at M.I.A., the M Men are meeting jointly with the Gleaner Girls except every fourth Tuesday in the month. Then the two groups meet for long sparate sessions, the M Men in their "Opportunity Night" programs, and the girls in various "Comaraderies." We haven't time to go into those separate meetings, but on the other Tuesdays they both spend the first part of the evening studying 21 lessons by T. Edgar Lyons of the Salt Lake Institute of Religion on the subject, "We Believe!" In a simple yet scholarly style, with plenty of stories and new angles to view the things L.D.S. believe, with reverence and with dignity and beauty, the gifted author carries the messages of the gospel into the mind and the heart of the reader as few writings have done it.

For the closing thirty minutes of each evening the M Men and Gleaner Girls engage in the four types of recreational courses. These consist of the four arts: music, speech, dance and drama.

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Helen Burdett

Helen Burdett of Claremont ward was tendered a farewell in the Berkeley chapel, October 1, 1947 on the eve of her departure for the East Central mission.

Helen has been an outstanding Gleaner Girl in her ward, and also in the Berkeley stake where she served last season as stake Gleaner Girls' activity director, rendering a most acceptable service to the pleasure of all concerncerned. Coming up through the Gleaner Girls' work as she has matured, Helen stands as a fine example of the fruitage of the M.I.A. program, and especially of the Gleaner program, now celebrating its splendid 25 years of service to lovely girlhood in the Church.

Hence her picture at the top of this issue dedicated to M Men and Gleaners.

Youth's Religions Problems

By ANNETTE T CALL.

(This is the first of several addresses by Gleaner and Gamma Rho Chi girls at Berkeley ward, August 3, 1947.)

We would like to tell you about ourselves tonight; the problems which we meet as individuals, as members of the church, and as members of society as a whole. Do you ever wonder what sort of people we are?—those of us on the stand, and all the young people of the Church? What do we do when we're not in the Church?—what do we think about? What is our reaction to the world and its problems? You see us in church Sunday after Sunday and you hear about our dances and parties, but do you ever wonder what we think of and about our religion, or if we think about it at all?

Too often older people assume that youth accepts basic religious beliefs unquestionably; but that cannot be. We have to question; we have to wonder about things if we are to make any sense out of the world at all. Every day we meet situations which challenge the things we have been taught to believe in from childhood. Where are we to turn for the answers? Religion alone can and must provide those answers.

The youth of today more than any other generation of young people need something to tie to. A sound, workable philosophy of life is a priceless possession. But how are we to find this philosophy of life? By questioning, even doubting, and, most important of all, earnest and diligent investigation.

Speaking for myself, I can say that my religion is the most important thing in my life outside of my own family group. That is why I must ask you adults—what do you think of your religion? Has it helped you in any way?—what sort of people has it made of you? You may not real-

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"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he will prepare my way before me; and the Lord whom ye seek, shall suddenly come to his temple." Mal. 3:1.

Future Stake Conferences

Stake Conference Dates
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Public Opinion Poll Tried

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insincerity; chewing gum; giggling; incompetent choristers; wards to large; too few out; unprepared speakers; poor lighting (Berkeley chapel); too few outings; duplicate meetings; some people not asked to participate; not enough doctrine; too many special programs; too much informality; sleeping in church; unprepared teachers; hard seats, and dogmatism.

ATTRACTIVENESS IN MEETINGS

Things that would add to the attractiveness of sacrament meetings were suggested as follows: more music; more floral arrangements; more young people bearing testimonies; more younger speakers; deacons in white shirts and ties; more variety in programs; more choir singing; better advertising of good speakers; more organ music; better speakers; better organization; more gospel preaching; music during sacrament; preliminary music avoiding special programs; having two or three short speakers in place of one; seat people in center of chapel.

READING SCRIPTURE

Reading scripture seems to be the real flat tire on our young folks church car, so to speak. For instance, out of the 73 responses 34 read no scripture in the average week; this is nearly 50 per cent. Some are doing commendable "searching" of the scriptures, others almost none. For instance: two read only five minutes in a week; four fifteen minutes; eleven thirty minutes; twelve an hour; four ninty minutes; one one-hundred minutes; two two hours; one, two-hundred minutes per week and one about an hour a day.

OTHER CHURCH READING

Moreover, 33 per cent have read no Church book (non-scripture) and nearly 40 per cent do not read one line of the Era, so they report. Eleven only read a small part of the Era (10 per cent) while some report a practice of reading up to 90 per cent of the Era. Among the most popular church books, (non-scripture) that are read are: Added Upon, Evidences and Reconciliations, Temples of the Most High, Voice from the Dust, Restoration of all Things, Joseph Smith—an American Prophet, Articles of Faith, The Quest, The Rejected Crown, In the Gospel Net, and Golden Nuggets of Truth.

NEEDED SOCIALIZATION

"What is most needed better to socialize young people in each stake and in both East Bay stakes?,, was one bony question asked the 73 M Men and Gleaner Girls and they put the meat on that bone with many definite opinions. For instance: more stake get togethers—not just dances, but sports, socials, outings, etc; more interstake dances; monthly stake Fireside evenings and interstake Firesides occasionally; quarterly or semi-annually M Men and Gleaner Girl conventions; a dance in some ward

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So. California Building Program Hits High Stride

Southern California's building program is growing with such monstrous strides that there are 23 chapels and ward houses under construction in southern California in California stakes, and branches of the California mission, and more applications are on file in the Presiding Bishop's office than there are buildings now being erected.

"This report was made this week by Howard J. McKean, chairman of the general Church building committee . . . Within the California Missions four new branch chapels are being built. In the wards and chapels of southern California, 19 new chapels are being erected. Cost for the buildings will run over a million dollars.

"Types of archeticture being used were classified as 'Latter-day Saint Southern architecture' by Church architects, and there can be no doubt that Latter-day Saint chapels have a distinguished original design.

"The Church is growing rapidly in southern California, and the new building program will help to accomodate this growth."
—The Church News.

Vallejo Ward News

Mr. and Mrs. Nephi Jorgensen and family have gone to make their home in North Carolina. Jorgensen will assume responsibility as physical education instructor in one of the colleges there.

Best wishes are extended to the new Relief Society presidency, Maud Sorensen, Verda Newman and Lois Hunter. Mrs. Sorensen succeeds Mrs. Ruth Cheshire, who has performed outstanding work during her six years as president. Mrs. Leola Hamlin has remained as secretary. The Relief Society lessons offer a wide variety of subjects for ladies young and old. It is for your benefit that you come out and participate this coming year.

After years of study and service, Miss Dorothy Harris has completed the huge task required to become a Golden Gleaner. She was presented her award on August 31, at the evening stake conference by the Stake MIA president, Ardelle Kay. Three girls were given this award; however, Dorothy is the only Vallejo girl who has ever achieved this honor. Few LDS girls have won this award, therefore, the church is encouraging more girls to participate in gaining the wonderful experiences that it affords.

On August 31, wee Gertrude Amsbaugh arrived at the home of Mr .and Mrs. Gary Amsbaugh. Congratulations.

Carolyn Dee is the name chosen for the new daughter of Mr .and Mrs. Wallace Weierman. She also arrived August 31, in San Francisco. Blessings be yours.

Mr .and Mrs. Perry Lane, former residents of Vallejo who now reside in Sacramento .are proud over the arrival of their new daughter, Marilyn, on September 12.

Under the supervision of their new chairman, Verda Telford, the LDS girls' group have assisted the Relief Society welfare project by making aprons and towels.

A most successful "back to school" dance was sponsored by the MIA officers, Friday, September 26. Clever school motifs were prominent throughout the hall, with a soda bar used for the serving of refreshments. Dorothy Harris and Lorraine Stephensen entertained with typical school day songs.

COMIN GEVENTS

October 17, MIA one-act play entitled "Four in a Tower."
October 24, Hallowe'en costume dance.
October 29, Children's primary Hallowe'en party.
November 7, Movies.
November 14, Fall speech festival.

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OAKLAND STAKE CALENDAR

Oct. 10—Elmhurst Ward Variety Show for Oakland Stake—8 p.m.
Oct. 11—Sr. Scout and Jr. Girls' Out-of-Doors Party. Montclair Park, Mountain and Moraga Boulevards.
Oct. 12—S. S. Union—Dimond Ward. 2:20 p.m.
Oct. 12—Stake unveiling of oil painting, "Light of the World," by Archie Inger, High Councilman artist of Hayward. To be hung in St. Tab. or Temple—2 p.m.
Oct. 17—M Men and Gleaners' Semi-formal Birthday Ball, Oakland Ward Chapel.
Oct. 25 and 26—Oakland Stake Quarterly Conference.
Nov. 1—"Mormon Miracle," dramatic reading by Grace Johnson of Salt Lake City. Joint Oakland and Berkeley Stakes. Held at Oakland Ward Chapel.
Nov. 7—Sen. Scout and Dads' Party. Ser. Men's Home—8 p.m.
Nov. 26—Harvest Ball—joint Oakland and Berkeley Stakes—Scottish Rite Temple.

BERKELEY STAKE CALENDAR

Oct. 6—M.I.A. Speech Institute—Berkeley Chapel—8 p.m.
Oct.7—Ward Relief Society Opening in all wards.
Oct. 9—Drama Institute—Berkeley Chapel—8 p.m.
Oct. 11—Jr. Girls'-Explorer Party and Picnic, Montclair Park, Mountain and Moraga Boulevards.
Oct. 13—M.I.A. Speech Institute, Berkeley Chapel—8 p. m.
Oct. 16—Drama Institute—Berkeley Chapel—8 p.m.
Oct. 19—M.I.A. Stake Leadership, Vallejo Ward—2:30.
Oct. 20—M.I.A. Speech Institute, Berkeley Chapel—8 p.m.
Oct. 23—Drama Institute, Berkeley Chapel, 8 p.m.
Oct. 25—Stake Special Interest Party.
Oct. 26—Stake Leadership Meeting, 2 p. m.
Oct. 30—M.I.A. Drama Institute, Berkeley Chapel, 8 p.m.

You Are Invited

You are personally invited, not to say, politely urged, to write for us five distinct things(or less than five, if you please), the Book of Mormon has done for you, and to send them to the Messenger pronto. But please number each statement, and make each only one sentence long. After that you may write and send a whole essay on that theme, but we especially want short one-sentence statements at this time. If you don't want your name used, say so.

We wish a box-full of answers right away; just like that. Will we get them? Depends on each of you. Will you pin this invitation on your mental coat sleeve until you've sent your five? Here's a promise: You'll like to read a column of answers; especially if your are there too We are all like that; what we help to do, we appreciate most.

So—you know what to do right away, don't you? It's easy once you make up your mind to do it. We appeal to you too-busy folks, perhaps you stake and ward leaders, and to you "lay members." Break through that old human inertia. For once, at least send the Messenger a letter.

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Bishop Lauper and about sixty to eighty others, it seems, called on Rex McKean at his restaurant called "Covey's Coffee Shop," in Salt Lake City, this summer, and, we learn, told him that they saw his ad in The Messenger. Made Rex feel rather good about both the good returns on his ad, and the hearty renewal of old friendships. What his brothers chided him as being just a gift or donation ad, turned out to be a rather good investment, they smilingly recounted. Our people remember their old friends.

Mr. S. M. Kludjian, manager of the Marchant Rug company, has taken unto himself a bride in the person of Mary Jane Arabian of 2125 Blake street, Berkeley. The Rug Company is making further building improvements, and has recently secured special labor-saving equipment for carpet laying.

Vaun Moody, of the trailer and motel business with his brother, Manton, is now pretty well recovered from his recent illness. He resigned, however, from the position of treasurer of the Liahona Club in order to conserve his strength. Will Banks was elected to fill his place.

Vinal G. Mauss says that he is delighted with his connections with the Bybee Realty Company, especially the business opportunitydepartment. It seems that any one of us who wishes to go into the bakery, the grocery, the restaurant business, for instance, needs only confide in Vinal. Even the bail-bond business! Next!

Cheney brothers' chip steak business at 4276 Broadway is a big booming concern. They butcher 30,000 pounds of beef a day. After trying their chip steaks we understand why they are so popular in restaurants and butcher shops. Cheney brothers also operate a thriving restaurant supply business in downtown Oakland.

John O. Krage, the foot specialist ,and his wife, visited their daughter and two grand children in Los Angeles this summer. John is pleased that new materials are now available, making the correction of foot discomfortures very simple and easy. He says no need now to suffer from any foot troubles.

Thomas Johnson announces the enlargement of his carpet and rug cleaning business in the shape of a plant for this work at 10? Pearmain Street in East Oakland, LO. 8-4277, in addition to his business office with Wendell Martin 6633 Foothill.

Eugene Jacobs, Oakland Stake H. C., and owner of Blangene bakery on Solano Avenue, Berkeley, reports they are stressing the individual scotch meat pies, known widely as "Morrison's meat pies" by those who grew up in Salt Lake City. For house parties and other gatherings as well as for the the family table these delicious pies have long been a welcome refreshment.

Don C. Wood's Refinoil Company in East Berkeley has recently appointed Clyde Vaughn of Berkeley ward as manager. For a year now the company has been servicing about 50 trucks for the Haslett Warehouse Company and the report is one of increased efficiency, reduced oil consumption, and elimination of sludge, we are informed.

WE'VE HEARD

California is to hear the great Tabernacle choir once again. On October 10, 11 and 12, three hundred choir members will appear at the Covered Wagon Days celebration at San Bernardino. This interesting Mormon-founded California city has underwritten the musical trek of the famous choir from Salt Lake City, not only for its intrinsically high artistic qualities and drawing power but also because of the fact that San Bernardino owes its beginning to the Latter-day Saints who settled there and founded the city in 1861.

Lloyd Johnson of the Berkeley Stake High Council, and manager of Lura-Glo laboratories in Oakland returned to his duties at the laboratory July 15 after months at home due to an accident on a tractor at his acreage in Lafayette.

He has begun work on on a 60x67-foot addition to the laboratories, and has added to his force a general manager with a proper staff. Hereafter Lloyd and his good wife will not "have their noses right down by the grindstone" as they have had it so long, he says. . . . .

Dr. Robert Larson of the High Council was chosen by the Shell Development Company to represent the company at vital conferences at the head offices in London and Amsterdam, meetings that lasted for a month. "Bob" flew both ways, and managed to bring with him some choice kodochromes. . . . .

John Soelberg of Berkeley ward is serving his fifth year as principal of the large McClymonds high school on the west side of Oakland, an assignment given only to the best of principals because of the many school problems connected with that section of the city. . . . .

Harold Gaisford represented radio station KLX on the recent cruise of Governor Warren and other governors to the Hawaiian Islands and return. This was a rare opportunity for Harold to contact the great and the near-great and he was able to interview several notables at the "mike." While on the islands opportunity was taken to attend the LDS services. On his return Brother Gaisford received the appointment as sales manager of his station, KLX, a coveted promotion. By the way, general manager of Station KLX is none other than Bishop Glen C. Shaw of Elmhurst ward. . . . .

Dale C. Nielsen, son of Jesse H. Nielsen of the H. C., and his wife, the former Erma Cox, both of Berkeley ward, recently returned from Salt Lake where they were married for time and eternity in the Temple.

● Aubrey Wilson, founder of Wilson and Kratzer mortuaries, came to California from Kentucky in 1906, lived in Richmond 1911-1914, engaged in the mortuary business in Kingsburg, 1915-1919, returned to Richmond 1919 to found the present business which now has two establishments, one in Richmond and the other on San Pablo avenue in El Cerrito.

● A number of LDS servicemen are being evicted from their apartments, or will have no living quarters and need them badly," writes Curtis R. Bybee, "and" he adds, "there are a number of LDS property owners who have vacancies from time to time. If they will let me know, or their bishops, we could help our servicemen greatly in their need." Bro. Bybee can be reached at KE. 4-5237.

Claremont Ward

A singular event occurred on August 22, when 36 young people from Claremont and Bereley shifted the scene of their party from a private home to the Oakland Stake welfare center where they prepared and processed over 300 quarts of pears. They worked from 6 to 10 p.m., and as they worked they sang "every song in the book!" Several boys stayed until midnight to take care of the last processing. The group drove back to LaVern Gaisford's home for refreshments. They all expressed the hope that a future opportunity would be give nthem to participate in the welfare work.

Helen Burdette, Claremont's seventh active missionary, was given a farewell party October first. She will work in the East Central Mission.

Barbara Burgen, Kenneth (Buddy) Leth and Jim Bragg are in Provo, attending school at the BYU.

Primary graduation exercises were held Sunday evening, October 5. Seagulls Janet Ellsworth and Patsy Nalder, Guides John Rich and Alonzo Bird received their certificates.

Don Wood received his diploma for Chartered Life Underwriter in Boston last month . . . a most noteworthy achievement. On the return trip, the Woods contacted Lois Blackham in Chicago who asked them to give her best wishes to Claremont and assure the members of her great happiness in her missionary work. They also visited with Marjorie at Lansing. Marjorie is delighted with her missionary experiences.

E. Richmond Ward

Zion is growing! Births in the ward include a son to Jean and Gordon Maughan; to Beth and Howard Pierce, a son; to Ruth and David Yancy, a son; to Elizabeth and Kenneth Gengler, a son; to Dorothy and Bryant Knowlton, a son and to Francis and Marcel Lauper, a daughter.

The boy scouts entertained their parents with a picture show. The pictures were of their activities at Camp Wolf Boro. The show was followed by an old-time dance.

A party was held on September 12, when the youth group of the ward joined in a treasure hunt under the supervision of Brother DeMars and Sister Hilda Cheek. It started at the chapel and finished in the beautiful gardens of Brother and Sister Bladh, where a weiner roast and games were enjoyed. The younsters vote this one of the finest parties of the season.

The second quorum of the elders are planning a big party for October 10.

The East Richmond group of the second quorum of the elders have completed their assignment, painting the upstairs class rooms and hall of our chapel.

Ward representatives at conference in Salt Lake City were Bishop Glen Umberger and wife.

NEW CHURCH BOOK

"Our Book of Mormon" by Dr. Sperry, BYU, professor, is a new church book full of the meat of fresh thoughts coming from patient research tempered with prudent humility. Chapters on the Book of Mormon as literature are analytically satisfying.

Berkeley Ward

From friends near and afar comes expressions of sympathy to Wesley Odell and family at the loss of their dear wife and mother, Bonne Odell. Appropriate words are these:

"The road into the sunset
Is one we each must tread . . .
And though it brings us sorrow
When a loved one goes ahead,
Still there is comfort knowing
You will meet again some day
When grief and pain are over
And the clouds have rolled away."

Theta Chi Beta have started a new season with much enthusiasm as the new members are welcomed into the club and new officers start the ball rolling for another semester. New officers are: Douglas Stone, president; Dick Huish, vice president; Beverly Drage, secretary; Wendell Walton, program chairman and Barney Gardner, sergeant-at-arms.

The Relief Society held its opening social October 7, in Berkeley ward chapel. There was a special program an refreshments were served. A special invitation was sent to all the young mothers and new members of the ward. A splendid corps of class leaders have been chosen for this year's activities.

A lovely wedding uniting Miss Diana Malstrom of Berkeley and Clarence A. Hoffman of Newark, Ohio, took place in the Berkeley ward chapel. The ceremony was performed by Cornell E. Jarman. The young couple will make their home in Berkeley. Hoffman is stationed at Monterey in the air corps.

Berkeley ward welcomes Bishop Denzel C. Allen and family back into the midst after an absence of a few months. The Allens went east on a business trip and have reported a pleasant stay but are glad to be back.

A farewell party was given on September 18, by Gamma Rho Chi for the members who were leaving for Utah to go to school. Those leaving were: Dawna Erickson, Marrilyn Harmon, Eunice Harmon, Carolyn Johnson, Leanore Ream, Patti Russell and Laura Summerhays. We are sorry to see the girls go away, but we know they will have a fine time in Zion.

October 9, Gamma Rho Chi will give an opening party at the home of Rose and Carol Dunham. All girls who are interested in geneological work are cordially invited to attend.

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Business News

● Wm. H. Evans of the Evans blanket agency of Oakland, has recently returned from an extensive business trip through northern California and into Oregon. Conditions are reported as good.

● Wm. E Hendershott is delighted with the new alliance of his former Electro-Lab with the Holt Appliance Company, 1521 Park street, Alameda. "Bill" ate and drank electronics in the service, and at technical schools and now revels in anything electric.

● Earl and Roxy Peterson of Berkeley, owners of Oaks Variety store on Solano avenue, report a constant sales increase for each month this year when they took over the store in January. They have everything, but how does a variety store manager know where things are. That's the wonder in that business of a thousand and one items. But they seem to know.

● "Bud" Winn, printer on Grove street, Oakland, has just installed another and still larger press. Mrs Winn, his mother, is enjoying a well-earned retirement.

● Ed Ogden has enlarged his chiropractic offices on San Pablo avenue.

● Sam Scott is again showing up around Berkeley ward where his recommend now stands. Now the house is built out there in Orinda he thinks maybe they can take up where they left off. .. .. Nice house, the Scotts have, and they will be welcomed in Berkeley as ever.

● Curt Campbell's Albany Ford agency, on San Pablo near Solano, has blossomed forth with a classy new front to his promiment and expansive business of sales and service.

● Don L. Kinmball of E. Richmond Ward trailer manufacture and sales of Richmond and El Cerrito, has added another sales lot at 835 San Pablo avenue in addition to the one at 1600 San Pablo avenue. These two with his Peek-A-Boo Trailer Park at 1702 San Pablo avenue and his enormous trailer factory in Richmond put him in an enviable position in the trailer world today.

● Wendell Martin's, Chromite agent, has appointed Ray Hartman as dealer at 250 Washington Blvd , Ogden, Utah, and Howard Thomas of Max, Park Ward as an installer man in Oakland.

● October 23, 1947, the High Priests of the Berkeley stake will feature their annual dinner program at 7 a.m., at the Berkeley chapel. Toastmaster for the evening will be A. D. Erickson, a fact which insures good fun and a feast of wit and wisdom for all One topic of the evening will concern current food conservation problems. Members and wives will be guests of the quorum at this dinner.

● The Oakland Stake Relief Society board met at the home of President Perkins September 3 to preview the lessons of the Union Meeting September 18, held in Oakland Ward. All wards were represented, two wards having 100 per cent teachers and officers present. Solo was rendered by Mary Finch of Maxwell Park, with Rowena Basinger accompanist.

● Wm. G. Banks was called into the Berkeley stake High Council September 29, 1947.

Berkeley Stake now has a L. D.S. family of printers, the Campbells of Suisun (Fairfield branch.)

They have a well-equipped shop, two linotype machines, a newspaper rotary press, several automatic job presses and they own and print the Solano Courier, and they print THE MESSENGER.

Wheat May Be Ordered Nov. 14-24

Wheat may be ordered November 14 to 24.

250 sacks of re-cleaned Turkey Red wheat were distributed to the homes of Berkeley stake H. P. families in September, 125 pounds per sack.

November 14 to 24 is set aside for the second ordering of wheat. Between those dates orders may be placed thru the Berkeley stake High Priests' quorum leaders. This will be the last orders to be taken before the next harvest of wheat. Payment will be made in advance. Last shipment was at $5.90 per 125 pound sack. Barrels with tight lids can be bought from the Myers Barrel Co , 6549 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland: 50c, 16 gallon; $2.50, 30 gallon; $3.50, 50 gallon. Most any lid can be made tight with a band of cloth soaked in paraffin.

Fumigant liquid to protect the wheat from spoiling will be furnished with the wheat with printed instructions.

In whole or cracked wheat form wheat is being used for cooked cereal, and, ground fine, in place of white flour. It is being ground in small mills owned individually or in groups; mills at hardware stores. By using the entire wheat for food one is both observing the true meaning of the Word of Wisdom, and also helping to conserve food, since in white flour 30 pounds out of a hundred is lost, and that thirty pounds, fed to animals, produces only four pounds of meat.

DON C. WOOD

Don C. Wood was one of the 181 men and women in the nation and the only one from Northern California to receive the Chartered Life Underwriter Diploma awarded by the American College of Life Underwriters, at its conferment exercises in Boston, Massachusetts, on Sept. 9, 1947.

The college requires a 4 year study course and the successful passing of 5 examinations covering the following fields: economics and sociogical problems, principles of psychological salesmanship, private and corporation finance, banking and commercial credit, thrift, investment, taxation, contractual relations, wills, trust arrangements and management of estates.

While there, Don represented the E. Bay Life Underwriters' Association as national committeeman, having previously served as president of this association.

For the past 7 years he has been affiliated with the Beneficial Life Insurance Company and has consistently been among the 10 leading producers of the company.

Fairfield Branch

Gary Blaisdell was recently ordained a deacon and for the past three weeks has participated in the serving of sacrament. He makes the third deacon for Fairfield branch, the others being Darrell and Billy Owen, sons of President and Mrs. Horace Owen.

Musical talent from Fairfield branch is gradually being recognized throughout the stake. Brother Alden Blaisdell has made appearances at Vallejo ward and Sacramento, while Brother and Sister James Richardson have presented two programs at Napa ward recently.

The Relief Society met at the home of President Dorothy Blaisdell Tuesday afternoon with eight members in attendance. Refreshments were served in recognition of the fact that this was the first weekly meeting of the fall season.

Sister Eva Rae Rindlisbach and little daughter, Nancy, are in Sandy, Utah, where they were summoned because of the illness of Eva Rae's mother.

Brother and Sister John Richardson and children, David and Susen, returned Sunday from Salt Lake City, where they had vacationed with relatives and friends.

San Leandro Ward

Opening with a very friendly dance September 17, the M. I. A. commenced regular sessions Wednesday, September 24 with every prospect of an excellent season of programs and speakers. . . . October 1 saw the Speacial Interest speaker, Mrs. J. T. Carruth, past state officer, P.-T. A. giving the opening talk in the season's general subject, Parent-Child-Community. There will also be a series of lessons on "The Home Beautiful". All adults are invited every Wednesday.

Ward Y. M. M. I. A. officers for the year include Don Bodily, Pres.; Darrel Beckstead, Activity counsellor; Russell Dykes, secretary, while for the Y. L. M. I. A. we have Lorna Beach, president; Royola Griffith, manual counsellor; Sherline Webster, activity counsellor; Helen McBride, secretary. Carl Consine is Senior Scout leader, Fonna Nelson, Gleaner leader, Helen Noble, dance instructor, Myrtle Davidson, Jr. leader, Louise Maurer and Lillian Stewart, Beehive leaders.

Herbert J. Marsh, late S. S. Superintendent, is now serving on the stake S. S. board, while Harry Maurer, formerly on the board, will become ward S. S. Superintendent. . . . Robert Glissenyer is now 1st counsellor in the Elders quorum, a position recently held by the bishop's 2nd counsellor, Wilford Nelson. . . . San Leandro recently enjoyed a fine banquet, the proceeds of which went to the stake Tabernacle fund. . . . . The Singing Mothers have been giving the sacrament meetings some delightful music under the able leadership of Verna Jackson.

Recent speakers at our sacrament meetings have included: William Evans and Eugene Jacobs of the H. C., and Irs J. Markham of the H. C. who is our ward advisor, Eugene S. Hilton, Phyl Hilton, and Wendell T. Jackson, seventies, and Arthur Wells, father of one of our missionaries. . . Bishop A. Gifford Jackson represented our ward at the General Conference . . . We leave the thought for the month: Knowledge is power.

Alameda Ward

On October 15, the ward finance committee is sponsoring a dinner which will be held at the Adriphian hall. Funds obtained will go to help pay for the welfare farm.

Bishop and Mrs. Thys Winkel with former Bishop Wendell Jensen left September 30, to attend Conference in Salt Lake City. Mrs. Jensen later went to Los Angeles by plane where she met the group to return with them.

Members of the ward mourn the loss of the following three people whose deaths occured this past month: Sister Arletta Tuttle and Brothers Percy Plyer and Martin Cullen. Deep sympathy is extended to their respective families.

Books are again on display and subscriptions for the Deseret News being taken by Sister LaVina Holdaway, who has been visiting in Utah for the past two months.

Brother and Sister William Everett were proud to have had 30 members of their family attend last month's baptismal service. Three grandchildren were confirmed and one grandchild blessed at the following morning services.

Dr. Melvin J. Hart gave a most interesting talk to girls of the Sunday school classes on October 6. He was sponsored by the girls' committee.

The Relief Society ladies enjoyed the hospitality of Maxwell Park ward at a dessert luncheon and the dramatic reading of "Life with Father," on Tuesday, September 30

Order your Christmas cards and wrapping paper through members of the Sunday school. Proceeds will go to the church orsan fund.

Watch for announcements regarding M Men and Gleaner carnival.

BIRTHS

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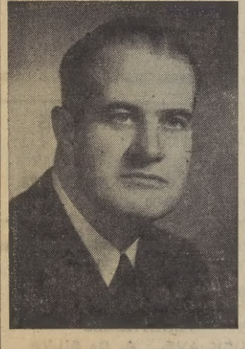
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Institute News

Doors of the L.D.S. Institute of Religion at the University of California, were opened wide on September 27 as old and prospective members of Lambda Delta Sigma met for the initial social of the semester.

The newly remodeled, enlarged and decorated recreation room was none too large for the near-capacity crowd of more than one hundred students. It was a group much larger than at any previous social at the institute.

Opening devotional services were held September 28. Results of special contact work to inform students of the facilities of the year-old institute were apparent. Almost half those in attendance were new at the institute, students being seated even in the hall, as accomodations had not been prepared in the main chapel room for such an over-flow group.

Registration for classes at the institute ended September 28. The enrollment was extremely gratifying, according to Director George T. Boyd.

Courses of instruction include: Mormon Doctrine and Philosophy, History of Christian Thought and Survey of World Religions. Students are required to attend two meetings a week and two sections of the two latter courses are offered.

Lambda Delta Sigma, social fraternity for college students enrolled in universities throughout the church, is well represented in Berkeley by Upsilon chapter, comprised Alpha for men and Omega for women. An additional chapter for married couples is in the planning stages and should reach organizational stages in the near future

At a business meeting of Lambda Delta Sigma, Upsilon chapter, held September 24 near-complete plans for activities throughout the semester were presented by Presidents Don Merrill and Lola Nielsen. Omega members gathered October 3 for a slumber party. Alpha held a house party October 4

Priesthood meetings for students began October 5, at the institute. Last year the prieshood group studied the course of instruction given in all wards of the church, and in addition offered to give Sunday evening services in any ward in the San Francisco bay area. Programs were given almost weekly, but many wards were too far down the list to receive the meetings. However, it is expected that a similar program will be initiated this year, and bishops will be notified of availability dates.

KNOW WHAT OUR M MEN ARE DOING

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The M Men and Gleaner leaders introduce the recreational leader who takes over in his or her speciality. Separate recreation leaders handle each of the arts, moving from one department of the M.I.A. to another and giving five evenings to each in a rotation plan. February 24 is reserved for a night of one-act plays.

In all these classes and activities the M Men and Gleaners have their own class officers who take the first ten minutes of each evening for their business. They have to lay plans for all sorts of things such as dances, parties and games. And after the class sessions are done for the evening, the whole MIA moves into the recreation hall for an hour of dancing.

Going along with all this are plans and committees for the athletic program which features basket ball, but may also include if desired, tennis, swimming, horseshoe pitching, etc.

Then there is the Master M Men program by which M Men acquire ten credits during his M Men years of activity in not less than five of the ten activity groups, as follows: spiritual, (required), executive, citizenship, athletic, forensics, dramatics, music, dancing, creative and a special group. Besides this he must have completed three full years of M Men work, be a member in good standing of the Church, be active in Prieshood work, attend sacrament meetings, observe the Word of Wisdom, and pay his tithes. Then he must have the approving vote of the M Men group and the signed recommendation of the Bishop, and the ward and stake leaders in M.I.A., and the special committee of the General Church. Over 1000 Master M Men match the 1500 Golden Gleaners, girls' counterpart of the Master M Men.

An annual Master M Men banquet often closes the season, and of course the annual Gold and Green ball with the ward queens and the stake reprsentative of "The Spirit of M.I.A." is known to all the Church.

M Men, Gleaners Birthday Ball

The M Men and Gleaner Girls of Oakland stake wish to invite their friends from Oakland and Berkeley stakes to the grand opening dance of the season, commemorating the twenty-fifth anniversary of M Men and Gleaner activities. The birthday ball will be held in the Oakland ward chapel, Friday evening, October 17, 1947.

Dancing from 9 to 12 with Bud Stone's orchestra. Let's make this opener the "best." No admission without ticket, so be sure to see your ward Gleaner president.

Officers of the Gleaner's stake committee are: President, Bobbie Ewald; Dolores Knowles, vice president; Vivian Williams, secretary-treasurer; Ruth (Osmond) Williams and Betty Jo Goodman, publicity chairmen; Norman Canes, historian and Joyce Briscoe, activity counselor.

Pittsburg Ward

The first fruits of the Berkeley Stake building program is very much in evidence in Pittsburg. The last issue of the MESSENGER announced that Pittsburg had obtained ,via the Chief of Chaplains of the U .S .army, the army chapel at West Garrison in Pittsburg. The Saints in that area were just reviving from the thrills and overjoyment of this news when Bishop Pearce announced that two more buildings had been awarded to Pittsburg ward. This time they were in the form of an army dental clinic and a dispensary. These buildings were awarded to the highest cash bidders in this area and not on a meretorious basis as was the chapel. Army red tape prevents the immediate occupancy of any of the buildings; however, it won't be long before these three structures will be put in order for use by the members of the ward.

That which was formerly a remote hope has materialized into actuality—that which was a dream has come to life. One day there is an inadequate rented hall; the next there is a chapel with two buildings besides.

Pittsburg is in an attitude of great thanksgiving at the realization of the blessings which have come their way.

KNOW THE GLEANER GIRL PROGRAM

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gram as a code of living in keeping with the high standards of Church.

In the symbolism of Ruth, the gleaner of Biblical days, the Gleaner Girl says, "I, a Gleaner, from the season's gleaning, shall come forth bearing my fourfold sheaf: first, I shall bring a clean body; second, I shall bring from my gleaning a pure heart; from my season's gleaning I shall bring an humble, obedient spirit; and fourth, from my season's gleaning I shall bring an honest heart.

And when every girl in the ward has been enrolled in gleaner work then may come a special program, "Binding the Ward Sheaf," at which each girl passes the pulpit where a gold and green ribbon lies wherein each, as she passes, lays her individual sheaf symbolizing herself, after which the whole is bound with the ribbon and presented to the bishop before the audience.

The standards for becoming a Golden Gleaner are high. There are 14 requirements in four major achievements, spiritual, executive, cultural and creative. These requirements may be secured while the girl is a Gleaner girl, ags 17 to 24, and application to become a Golden Gleaner cannot be made before the age of 20.

Included in these achievements come the making of the individual "Treasures of Truth" book of personal pictures and diary of hobbies, of loved ones and forebearers, and of friends. The reading course book for 1947-48 is the Doctrine and Covenants with a long list of further suggestive titles including "Sweet Love Remembered," by Helen Stafford.

Of course the Gleaner Girls have an equal part with the M Men in the joint activities of the lessons, "I Believe," of dances, and all sorts of games and socials as they may decide together to feature. A stake Mother and Gleaner evening may be held. And then there is the ever-popular Green and Gold Ball and the thrill of electing the queen of the ward for that stake event.

BOOK OF MORMON EVIDENCE APPEARS

The Book of Mormon tells that one, Hagoth, an exceedingly curious man, and many others, built a large ship and "launched it forth into the West sea" with "much provisions and many women and children" and "were never heard of more." The LDS, knowing that many of the Pacific Islanders have the blood of Israel, have supposed that these daring voyagers reached some of the Pacific Islands and became the ancestors of the Tahitians and others.

Sept. 30, 1947, the San Francisco Chronicle contained the story of six young Norwegian scientists who returned the day previous to San Francisco after a 4300 mile trip across the South Pacific on a balsawood raft from South America to Tahiti. In 101 days the raft had drifted with the ocean currents from Callao, Peru, to an Island 300 miles from Tahiti. "The fact that we made the journey demonstrates that it could have been done when the 'Polynesians' presumably were first populated," said Thor Huyerdahl, 32-year old Norwegian ethnologist and zoologist, leader of the expedition who believes "that the raft journey gave indubitable proof of the theory's feasibility."

The raft was 45 feet long, 18 feet wide, and lashed together with rope in the manner of native craft described by early Spanish explorers along the West Coast of South America. On it was a small thatched shack. "The current, and the wind, carried us sometimes 71 miles a day, sometimes only nine, but we always moved westward. And we moved right into the Polynesias "

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Two Stakes News

● Archie Inger, Oakland stake H.C. gifted artist and author, is pleasantly remembered by several groups who this summer called at his home to partake of his spirit and to enjoy a view of his paintings. One of his masterpieces will hang in the new tabernacle.

● Bishop Allen of Berkeley ward and Veda, his wife, have returned from a summer spent near Chicago in his duties with the Cal Pack Co. Can't tell who are happier: the ward to have them back, or the Allens to be back. Welcome.

● The Berkeley stake H. C. and Presidency party, with the John Murdocks and the Henry Neerings as hosts, feasted September 10 at one of the lovliest little parks imaginable, Oak Lake park out from Napa.

● The Berkeley Stake Presidency and H C. are to be hosts to all stake officers and ward bishoprics and their wives, Monday, October 13, in the Berkeley chapel, to obsere the anniversary of the creation of the new stake.

● Don and Annetta Wood of Claremont while on a pleasure and business trip east in September were able to stop over at Lansing, Michigan, and visit with their fine daughter, Marjorie, now serving as a missionary there with much joy and effectiveness. Don and "Net" were able to visit some friends with Marjorie and to address investigators and saints at a Sunday meeting in Lansing.

● Elwood F. Meredith, Berkeley ward mission president, has been set apart as stake clerk to replace Glenn Spencer, released because of overwork and other conflicting duties.

● A grand Primary Convention for both Oakland and Berkeley stakes was held September 20. Visiting sisters, Edith Patrick and Thelma Harrison, gave most helpful aid in lessons for the coming year. Refreshments, a reception, and an exhibit of children's summer work rounded out a great convention.

● At the Oakland Stake Primary award night held recently in Dimond chapel 26 graduates received awards, and a modern Primary class was demonstrated. A pretty tableau of three parts, written by Elsie Lyon of the stake presidency, was greatly enjoyed. Pictured vividly were: "Prayer," "The First Primary," and "Health Through Proper Living."

● Dimond Genealogical Library has 30 new volumes, making 300 in all, including the most extensive Schropshire History in 55 volumes. This is a ward library available to any LDS on application.

● Oakland stake Y.M.M.I.A., have added new members: Era and Publicity, Frank Martinez; M Men Activity Supervisor, Dexter Larsen; Jun. M Men supervisor, Dale Rowe; Scoutmaster, Earl Larsen; Dance Manager, Alexander Olsowska; Music Director, Blaine Wilson.

● Attending the October General Conference in S.L.C , were both stake presidencies and most of their wives, all bishops of Oakland stake, and all bishops from Berkeley stake with possibly one exception, Mrs. John Murdock, T. E. Olive and Allan C. Woolley, of Napa; Kenneth Lewis, Sister Gibbs and possibly Sister Kirby of Pittsburg, Catherine Hopkins and Patriciai Umberger of Richmond, Abram and Ruth Taysom, Otto Mathews, Wallace Weirman, J. H. Stoddard. Hilda Perkins and Helen S. Ream of the Oakland Stake Relief Society presidency, and board members, Laura F. Pugmire, Mary Stewart, and Marjorie Nielson. Louise Knight, Berkeley Stake R. S. president and George Hughes, Berkeley stake High Councilman.

● On August 31 a pretty little Bee Hive Centenniail Award-day program was held in the Dimond ward Jeannine Clark was chorister, with Patricia Hilton, accompanist. Taking part on the program were Peggy Brush, Helen Carlson, Dana Brush, Beverly Harvey Carolyn Gustaveson, Barbara Bates, Nancy Hart, Phoebe Brown. Lucille Jeffries gave the welcome and presented the symbol, while Marie Thomas presented the awards.

● The Oakland stake presidency and H. C. study-social night was enjoyed at the home of the Don C. Bennions, Wednesday, September 24. Angus Norberg gave the topic, The Doctrine and Covenants. Charles and Marie Gustaveson were cohosts with the Bennions.

● Oakland stake book representative is now Joseph Bowman of Oakland ward.

Boy Scout News

TROOP 8 ANNUAL STINSON BEACH BIKE-HIKE

Tuesday, October 2, was "D" day for the annual bike-hike of the summer scouts of Berkeley ward's troop to Marvelous Marin county.

While a bike detail composed of ASM Don Merrill, Tom Johnson and Charles Summerhays ferried the bikes from Mill Valley to Pan Toll camp at the top of Muir Woods ,the rest of the troop hiked up Mount Tamalpais to the camp. Bike races and a short visit to Stinson Beach filled all the afternoon, and after dark most of the group traveled to the top of Mount Tamalpais and were awed by the sparkling panarama laid out by the lights of the bay area The moon came up so big and red that the first to see it called out for the others to "see the fire!"

On Wednesday morning the gang went to Stinson Beach for a swim where Tom Johnson proved himself the champ crab catcher. Afternoon at one saw them hit for home.

All agreed that the annual bike-hike was greatly improved this year by the trail-vehicle and the trailer driven by senior scout Tom Johnson. Under the new system, ASM Don Merrill was able to fix any flat and rejoin the troop with in a very short time. The trail-car also carried all the food, tents, food, bedrolls tools, and food necessary for the two-day trip.

Those who made the trip were ASM Don Merrill, JASM Bruce Merrill, SPL Denzel Allen, Senior Scout Tom Johnson, Scouts Marlo Andersen, Dick Baer, Stephen Barrett, John Franz, Wesley Odell, Charles Summerhays, and Scoutmaster Bob Johnson.

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TROOP GOOD TURN

Troop 8 covered 25 blocks in Berkeley in distribution of the [illegible] Community Chest News, on Saturday, October 4.

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FALL CAMPOREE

The shortage of deacons in Berkeley ward on Sunday, October 12, will be due to the annual Fall Camporee to be held at Mount Diablo on the 11th and 12th. The accent will be on fun this year, with swimming and a hike to the top of Diablo. Church services wlil be held at the Camporee.

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HOT TIME IN SALT LAKE

The hottest story to come out of the Centennial Encampment in July is about the sizzling faces of all concerned when our delegation finally had to tell the stay-at homes that a special assessment will be necessary to buy new troop flags to replace those destroyed at Salt Lake in a fire.

Liahona Club News

Under favorable September skies and in the open air beside the great-throated fireplace of pretty John Hinkel park in Berkeley, the Liahona Club (LDS business mens' club) entertained their wives at an informal pot-luck dinner, September 21, 1947

A very well-balanced and delicious dinner (it's like that at these pot-luck dinners, but how does it come about?) was followed by three most timely and interesting films shown by Wm. E. Hendershott. Good fellowship prevailed to a marked degree, and the whole affair was enjoyed by a large and happy group of Liahona Club members and their good wives. William H. Evans, president, was general manager of the whole affair.

Centennial Choir Festival

A high light of the Centennial celebration in Oakland stake was the magnificent three-night Centennial Choir Festival presented in the Oakland ward hall, September 10, 11 and 12. Rodney Pocock was conductor and J. Rulon Doxey, the general chairman, Emma Mattheson, organist, Rollin Jensen, accompanist, William Hendershott, assistant conductor, Joyce Briscoe, Donna Wall, and Richard Mower, violinists, and Howard Dunn, trumpet. Emmy Stam was soprano soloist with three numbers, while Patsy Craig rendered a soprano solo and obligato in "God of Israel."

Too much credit could not be given to the ward choirs and their talented leaders and to Rodney Pocock for his masterful conducting. The numbers rendered were soul stirring, while the variety of the program held the interest of the unusually large audiences that crowded the chapel for the three nights. A feature which added greatly to the artistry of the performance was the beautiful accompanying of Rollin Jensen, and the lovely violin work of the three gifted young artists, while Howard Dunn's trumpet rendition was enjoyed markedly. Emmy Stam was at her best; the solo by Patsy Craig was a treat to hear.

It may be unwise to mention any one number above other equally finished performances, but the instrumental and human humming, with the violin trio and organ—all arranged by Conductor Pocock, to go with the masterpiece, the universal home song, "Finlandia," by Sibelius, was a superb arrangement and speaks well for the musianship of Brother Pocock

All in all the L.D.S. in the east bay region and particularly in this area can congratulate themselves upon having such musical talent in choirs and in leadership. It is pleasant to note that this same ensemble of talent will render the Oakland stake conference music at both Sunday sessions, singing some of the choicest numbers in their repertoire.

RICHMOND WARD

Richmond is happy to welcome its new bishopric, Wallace J. Wightman, bishop, and counselors, Dalbert H. Carman and Peter Gengler.

Bishop Wightman a proven, humble and capable member of the last bishopric, was born October 8, 1917, in Silver City, Utah, although he grew up in Payson. He had one year at BYU, then a two-year mission to East Central states which was followed by study again at BYU, and then in UAC, where he obtained a degree in landscape architecture in 1943, being president of Delta Phi for two years. In 1943 he became an ensign in the navy and also a wedded man in the Salt Lake Temple, united to Aliane Randall. Discharged at Treasure Island, Brother Wightman settled in Richmond where he is engaged in diesel oil researcl. for the Standard Oil Company.

Delbert H. Carman, first counselor to Bishop Wightman ,was born in 1912 in Salt Lake City, serving respectively as Sunday school superintendent, Sunday school stake board, scouting for 15 years, as scoutmaster, troop committeeman and district commissioner; is an Eagle scout with palms, scouter training award and scoutmaster key. He was also drama leader in MIA three years and dramatic coach three years and on the MIA board for three years.

Brother Carman attended West high and the U of U., in the department of engineering. Coming to Richmond in 1942 to work as a shipyard refrigerator foreman. At present is superintendent of service with the Refrigeration Components Co., in San Francisco, having 20 years in that line of work.

Richmond ward MIA got off to an exciting start with a very fine opening party September 17, with Bill Martin and Alta Jolly at the Helm. October 1 the MIA witnessed the investor ceremony and court of honor, under the able leadership of committee chairman George Stoddard with Leonard Harris as the excellent scoutmaster. On September 24 the troop was treated to a baseball game on one of the first outings of the year. The charter will be renewed again October 15.

A night to be kept in mind is October 10 when the second quorum of elders will play hosts to all the Melchizedek and adult Aaronic priesthood, and partners of both Richmond and East Richmond wards at a party.

Daysel Matthews, Sunday school superintendent, and wife, Kathleen, a faithful teacher, have left our midst since his teaching position now takes them to Selma, California.

Our ward chapel is receiving a coat of paint, a wonderful improvement. Thanks to all concerned. The Relief Society is getting under way with parties ,work and excellent lessons planned for each Tuesday for all the ladies of the ward.

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Willard D. Ellis' Life Story

By J. ED JOHNSON

(Continued from October Issue)

When the Berkeley branch was organized in 1925, Ellis left his busy office and appointments at the bank and personally canvassed the possible meeting places for the Berkeley Branch meetings in Berkeley. Considering the financial strength of the group, they would ordinarily have been required to go into one of the cheaper halls. While Ellis was practical and hard-headed and not given to extravagance for those who could not afford it, he cast his vote for the renting of the Armstrong School of Business auditorium as a meeting place, although the rent was twice as high as that for which other halls could be procured. In this regard, it may be mentioned that he and Reuben T. Evans for months, running into years, made a monthly contribution outside of their regular contributions to the Church to pay the portion of the rent over what a cheaper hall would have cost, so that the people would have no greater burden by reason of being in the better place. No bookkeeping was kept of these contributions. There probably is to be found nowhere in the Church records any record thereof. Those in charge at the Berkely Branch knew, however. The Lord also knows. Probably none of the people knew it at the time except those immediately concerned. That is the way Ellis would have it He gave many lifts for which no record was made, and his only pay the appreciation he received and the personal satisfaction it gave him.

When the San Francisco Stake was organized in 1927 Ellis' name headed the list submitted to the people for the High Council. His presence in this body gave it a dignity and an air that had a marked influence on the Lord's work going forward in keeping with the finest traditions of the gospel.

In Ellis' position there have come to him many young men in need of help in getting started in life. If all of the men and women he helped in this way could be heard at this time, their's alone would be an impressive testimony of his great heart.

Tragedy struck hard in his home several times. He always met it with the courage and faith that characterized everything he did. He went on with life and his assignments as though nothing had happened. He was not one to wear his grief on his sleeve. One would never know how hard he had been hit from anything he said or did. That he felt deeply the hurts from these tragedies can well be appreciated by those who knew his tender and refined nature. His troubles he regarded as his own, however, and not something to burden others.

The Lord blessed him despite the tragedies, and he leaves a good sized family of as fine boys and girls as are to be found in the world. They will carry his name on with the honor he did. Ellis lost his wife, Edna Pingee, when his son, Eldan, was a babe. Eldan's grandmother Ellis, and Edna Woods, whom Ellis later married, became his mothers. The latter bore Willard two more children, Rosemary and Frank. She died of a heart attack in 1922 as she was attending to her babes. Willard was in the East at the time. The babies played away all by themselves several hours before somone happened in and discovered the situation. Louise Woodbury Ellis, Willard's surviving widow, bore him two more children, Gordon and Ann. Louie has therefore been mother to all of his children. It is not without reason that Willard treated her as a queen and that it is she who will miss him most.

It was in the home (Willard had a beautiful home) that Ellis' tender and gentle side found its fullest expression. There was always cheer and happiness with something going on to entertain and make the family happy when he was there. While away from home a great deal, he made up for it the brief periods he was there with a double portion of that which makes for sweetness and happiness in home life. Considering the associations his children have had with their father, it is as impossible to conceive of them varying a fraction from the true line as it would be to conceive of the sun varying in following its course. While indulgent in his home, he nevertheless did not permit this to blind the children to the fact that after all it was what they would do for themselves that would be their making. While backing them he did not permit this to stand in the way of their working out their own salvation.

Ellis was by nature reserved, quiet and gentle. The boistrous loud and noisy offended him almost to the point that he could not forgive it. He was so committed to things being done in a dignified and nice way that he was almost uncharitable to even good people of the coarser grain. While gentle and fair, he was nevertheless firm, sometimes even to the point of stubbornness. While he adjusted himself to men, he would never adjust himself to anything which he considered a compromise of his principles. He always lived and moved on the higher levels. He never lived or relaxed in the gullies or hollows. Many good men necessarily live their lives on the swails which life offers. It is possible that Willard did not always fully appreciate that people could live amid the shacks and hulls and at the same time be entirely worthy. His work hardly permitted him to find out about this if he ever had any curiosity about it.

While his work during his later years absorbed so much of his energy that it did not give him the time and possibly not the disposition either, considering the limits of his energies, to give as much time to the Church as he did some years ago, there can be no question that his contributions to the Lord's work in this area are as great as those of any person who could be pointed to.

Truly, Willard Ellis has gone to a great reward. The Lord who judgeth truly and righteously will undoubtedly greet him with the words, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant" when he comes before Him in the final judgment. Peace to his soul! May the Lord bless his family.

HAVE YOU HEARD

- Victor Lindblad, Berkeley and Contra Costa county scout executive, returned in late September from a national scout leadership convention in Indiana. Victor commented, "The way I felt that hot sticky weather, they can give Indiana back to the Indians, and I'll stay right here in the bay region, the best climate on earth"
- Thomas S. Ferguson of Dimond, attorney in the firm of Brown, Smith and Ferguson, has published a Church book, "Cumorah, Where?" Off the press in November, we predict a lot of local interest in what "Tom" has to say.
- Herbert March, Elmhurst ward, is enjoying his first year as a H. S. teacher. He is now at Tech High. Oakland. Stanley Stewart of Hayward, also teaching his first year, is at Sacramento Junior College.
- I. B. Ball, recently speaker in the San Mateo ward, renewed many fine friendships there and visited with his second cousin, Bishop Gibbs. The H. P. of San Mateo hold a monthly fireside, a sociable, happy group. San Mateo ward, unable to find a chapel in San Mateo, hold meeting in a Masonic Temple in Burlingame about two blocks from the Burlingame ward, the ward from which the San Mateo group was recently severed.
- Paul Summerhays recently flew back and forth across the continent for conferences in his work with the Federal Communications Commission. Wm. Edwards, in the presidency of N. Y. Stake and a brother-in-law of Joe Eyring, is a former missionary companion of Paul's with whom he was able to visit, Church work looking good there also
- Bob Sant, Berkeley stake chorister, states that rehearsals of the Mormon Male Chorus will begin sometime this fall.
- Marie and Ken Thomas at the Service Men's Home recently enjoyed a visit from Dale and Beverly Holbrook of Clearfield, Utah. Dale was assistant director of the Home about two years ago while in the service here.
- Don Russell of Dimond ward, the well known local magician and entertainer, has just been elected a member of the Magic Circle of the Association of the East Bay Magicians. This represents the culmination of five years of work. Don's first professional show was presented at the age of 13, and from then on he has gone far in his chosen field of entertainment.
- This prophecy by J. Golden Kimball, made at the San Francisco chapel, March 16, 1924, and copied by Wm. Walker, has been handed to us: "I prophecy that before many of you go to the otherside you will have a burning desire in your hearts to return to the place where the leaders of the Church have counselled the saints to settle, and you will give anything in the world to live there."
- Truman O. Woodruff, who as a young man left Dimond ward for his mission, grandson of former apostle Owen Woodruff, and son of Evelyn Balif Woodruff of Salt Lake City, is now a Harvard graduate with highest honors, and has been offered a fellowship from Harvard which allows him to travel in Europe for study for a year. After that he hopes to accept an offer to teach chemistry and physics at the California Institute of Technology.

Dr. R. Lynn Knight

Dr. R. Lynn Knight, son of Dr. and Mrs Ray L. Knight of Berkeley ward, has been serving as park doctor of Sequoia National Park until his recent acceptance of the position of Public Health Director for Tulare county, California with offices in Vasalia.

"Lynn" will be remembered as one of our first three eagle scouts in Berkeley, with Bob Johnson and Eddie Pyle as the other two. Lynn went east to the George Washington University where he did his medical work, returning to San Francisco for his internship His rise in the medical world is very gratifying to the friends of Lynn and of Ray and Louise Knight and we wish him every joy in his work in Tulare county. Louise, the mother, is our stake Relief Society President.

Service Men's Home Disposal

At both the Oakland and Berkeley stake leadership meetings September 28, 1947, it was announced that the Church had decided to sell the Service mens' home on Alice street, Oakland, but had agreed to hold up such action pending a possible move by San Francisco, Oakland and Berkeley stakes to take over the home and operate it as a regional home for LDS girls.

It was announced that the three stakes now desire to learn how many LDS girls in this region would like to stay at this home on Alice street if it becomes a LDS Girls' home. Marie Thomas, the gracious hostess at present, reports that many girls have expressed a wish to her for such a place maintained by the Church.

- Southern California's building program is growing with such monstrous strides that there are 23 chapels and ward houses under construction in southern California in California stakes and branches of the California mission.

Dimond Ward

On October 10, the Scouts plan a three day camping trip to Mt. Diablo. It will be fun and educational; let's go, boys! The Scout court of honor will be held sometime in November; watch for more news.

The Relief Society has been newly organized. We want to thank the outgoing officers, Hazel Allen, president, and councelors, Winifred Phelps and Mildred Morgan, for their fine service, and wish good luck to Della Swenson, new president, and her counselors Ada Miller and Edna Torgerson. The first classes and social for the retiring officers were held Tuesday, October 7.

We will miss Bliss and Lois Cook who have moved to Albany and the Clement family who have moved to southern California.

Congratulations to the proud parents of babies blessed in September, also to Janet Marie Cram, daughter of Afton Daniels Cram who is visiting her parents and the ward from her home in Alaska, and Gwen Lucinda Priday, daughter of Dr. Priday new YMMIA president, and Kimberle Argyle Duriavich, daughter of Dot Fernsten Duriavich.

The Seventies quorum meeting and social will be held October 18, at 8 p.m. at Dimond ward. All Seventies in the stake and their wives are invited and urged to attend for an enjoyable evening.

The ward is cooperating in buying the stake welfare farm east of Hayward off Niles highway. One project to raise money will be the paper drive and we are asking every family to gather newspapers and bring them or send them with your ward teachers and store them upder the steps at the north side of the chapel. The second project will be to sell five pound packages of dried fruit suitable for Thanksgiving or Christmas presents. They will be sold very reasonably; more information will be given next month ,so watch for it. These packages have been procured through the courtesy of the Bonner Packing company in Fresno through the arrangement of Brothers Sam and Tom Ferguson.

Hayward Ward

A farewell dinner was held September 25, to honor Jean Sheppard, who is leaving October 4, for a mission to the North Central States. A program followed the dinner. Proceeds from the affair were presented to Jean, to defray her expenses to the mission field.

Many young people of the ward are going to college for the first time this fall. Reed Welchoff to the California School of Fine Arts; Eugene Johns, Dovell White, Bob Johnston and Daryle Webb to San Jose State college; Hal Lesser to the University of Utah; Donna Jean Webb and Helen Emerson to the BYU in Provo, Utah; Nina Lee Stewart is attending Nurses Training school at Permanente hospital in Vallejo.

Three of last spring's graduates chose the business world. Norma Kanes is working for Southern Pacific; Margaret Trenchard and LaVerne Bailey have obtained jobs with the local telephone company.

Work on the chapel progresses nicely. More men and women find themselves in the position to offer their services and much has been accomplished in the past month. On Admission Day, the largest group worked since the beginning of the project. Many took advantage of the holiday to put in a full day's work.

It's a girl for the Lars E. Andersons. Pamela Kay, as she has been named, has two brothers and one sister to help the parents spoil her.

Congratulations to Natalie Nelms on her recent marriage. Natalie is the daughter of "Peggy" Nelms, long-time member of Hayward ward.

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Elmhurst Ward

Changes have to be made in the organizations from time to time, and it was with regret that Sister Alice Muir and her counsellors were released from Relief Society. Eva Jensen is our new President, and she has chosen Edna Darton as her first Counsellor and Majorie Mudge as second Counsellor with Venda Fandrick as secretary.

Ward Conference was held Sept. 21, with Delbert Wright and Angus Norberg of Stake Presidency presiding, Bishop Glenn Shaw conducting. Robert Payne, Melvin G. Hart, and Donald Bennion of the Stake High Council were in attendance.

Reports were given at both meetings by heads of all organizations. All are enthused with their work and urge everyone to come out and take part. A report was given by Bishop Shaw, who also told of an experience he recently had and showed how our lives are watched by those around us. Remarks were made by Brothers Hart and Bennion. A beautiful piano solo was rendered by Rowena Basinger. Closing remarks were by Brother Norberg who urged always being humble and laying up for ourselves "Treasures in Heaven". We were favored with two numbers by the Hymnal Singers under the direction of Stella McBride.

The M. I. A. are working very hard to have an outstanding year, and have something for everyone. The Special Interest Group has an interesting program. The first course of study will be "The Home Beautiful," which will include different subjects, and be of interest to all. Sister Nellie Anderson is supervisor of this class. Let us all get behind her. The recreation program will be devoted to "Textile Painting".

September 10, a very impressive but simple home wedding was performed by Bishop Shaw for Zola Sutton and Carl Berriman. Relatives and close friends were in attendance. The bride has been the recipient of several showers. Our heartiest congratulations.

September 10, was also a happy day for Ruth Osborne and Blaine Wilson, who were married in the Salt Lake Temple. A large reception was given by the bride's parents in the Elmhurst recreation hall September 19. Good luck Ruth and Blaine.

Baptismal service was held September 28. Three were baptized.

Primary is in full swing again. Don't forget to send your children.

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A lovely reception was held in the Service Men's Home for Jean and George Sweeten who had been married in the Salt Lake Temple September 17. Their honeymoon included a visit to the Manti Temple; their home is to be in Malad, Idaho. Much happiness, Jean and George.

Our Mutual held its opening social Tuesday, September 16. Our new president of the Young Ladies is Lucille Williams, assistesd by Violet Fontano and Maude Briscoe, with Nana Folkman, secretary. Other new workers this year are Lorraine Goodpasture, Ruth Williams, Gladys Olsen and Marjorie Hawkins. The Young Men's organization is under the supervision of Curt Bybee, Don Adams and Glenn Bennett, and Rue Folkman as secretary. Al Fontano is our new M Men teacher.

We were all thrilled when Paul Whitten was baptized and confirmed as a member of the church. Paul and Mardell Harkins Whitten are looking forward to being married in the Temple.

Betty Crase was the guest of houor at a party given in honor of her new son, Stephen John, who was blessed and named at Fast meeting Sunday, September 28.

September 30, Maxwell Park Ward Relief Society acted as hostess to all wards of the Oakland Stake at a Dessert Luncheon, after which Miss Betty Seif, well known San Francisco Radio artist, presented a reading of the play, "Life With Father".

Lilleth Williams was sustained as the Educational counselor to Beatrice Larsen in the Maxwell Park Relief Society.

The Gleaner Girls are looking forward to a full year of spiritual growth and activity under the direction of their capable leader, Bea Larsen and their new president, Betty Lou Thomas.

Bishop Stewart attended Conference in Salt Lake. Our new second counselor in the Bishopric is Dr. A. K. Bramwell, a member of the Liahona Club. He was M Men Supervisor last year in Mutual. He has filled a mission in the Central States. Sister Bramwell is a very gifted artist, and they are the parents of two lovely daughters. He is one of the fine business men of our ward. Look for his ad in the Messenger.

PUBLIC OPINION POLL TRIED

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every Saturday night; **mixers at** all dances and more publicity; organized transportation to stake and interstake affairs; trading programs; a large recreation center; all bring more friends to meetings; forget the "cliques"; stake luncheons; work projects where all young people can work together.

SWIMMING POOL

On these answers as to the methods to better socialize the young people of the whole east bay there was not one person who failed to voice a common demand for more socials of all sorts to get the young people together. On the question: "Do you think it wise and practical to have a swimming pool as part of the proposed Youth Center on the interstake Tabernacle grounds?", the replies were 95 per cent one emphatic "yes", "an excellent idea", etc.

TEMPTATIONS TODAY

"Name one or two of the most serious temptations confronting young people today." The answers were frank and fearless. Here they are: smoking; outside girls; immorality; false doctrine; non-attendance at meetings as the beginning of many things; Sabbath breaking; too many non-Mormon closest friends; drinking with non-Mormon friends; modern ideas, so-called; laziness; coffee; indifference; idle time; breaking law of chastity; materialistic tendencies; sex emphasis in movies, night clubs, radios; sophistication; reject church doctrine for so-called scientific philosophy at college; trying to be with the crowd too much; swearing; undermining church standards by "liberals" within the church; Sunday shows; falling in love with outsiders and too many outside activities. Think of much omitted?

HARD CHURCH DOCTRINE

"Is there any Church doctrine that is hard for you to really believe?" This question brought out the fact that 29 of the 73 said they had no doubts on doctrine; 28 left the question unanswered; while 13 honestly answered, "yes." Among these doctrines hard to believe we read: Baptism for the dead; the creation of Adam as the first man and the story of the fall, in apparent conflict with scientific findings; the fact that Negroes cannot hold the priesthood; the United Order; polygamy, evil spirits, garments, story of the three Nephites, the nature of God, of heaven and devil, the idea that God the Father, was once a son. Two with some doubts as to doctrine said they knew so little of the gospel that they couldn't say they believed its doctrines.

CONCLUSIONS FROM THE PUBLIC OPINION POLL

In these clean-cut answers to the ten questions of the Messenger's first attempted (shall we do it again?) public opinion church poll, we feel an elevation due to the buoyant, hopeful, cheery, but honest, frank and yet helpful tone underneath all answers. Here is youth on the march again, marching on to better things; a progressing church, improving in methods, and procedure while "holding aloft" its royal standards of truth and a fuller, grander life to all the world.

Our public speaking is apparently unpardonably inperfect, and for this the M.I.A. public speaking departments are offering some help and great hope. Are not the answers by the young people in this poll warning signs now waving in the face of all the priesthood and of our leadership in the pulpit. Let President W. Glenn Harmon stand as an example to be emulated. Who ever heard him in a major address that wasn't well prepared or that did not show a mind constantly alert to ideas, and a heart loving and searching the scriptures often and meditatively? And the same may be said equally for President Eugene Hilton and others. Only from a full vessel can a full measure of the waters of life be poured. We need more "full" vessels in our pulpits; more hearts aglow with the light of the world; more souls burning with the divine "fire and the Holy Ghost." And can this come from anything but more searching of the words of life, more meditating on the revelations, more reveling in the beauty of that life that "in the beauty of the lilies was born across the sea with a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me?"

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Successful experiences that are inspiring are related in letters from Elder Armand Mauss, Oakland ward, who this summer, with his companion is laboring in the rural districts of New Hampshire and Vermont

"It is not uncommon for us to enter a small village late in the evening and walk right up to the only home in town that would take us in, as we discover next day in tracting. . . . We have been traveling on foot and holding meetings in all the little towns where possible. . . . We have sold as high as ten Books of Mormon in two days.

"In one town—refused all available halls— old minister refused us use of chapel—in tracting met a kind old lady who consented to open her home for cottage meeting—kept us that night—next day we tracted and advertised the meeting—22 came including the old minister who attempted to make trouble—started argument about baptism—by a knowledge of the scripture and the power of the Holy Ghost he was quickly 'quieted'. . . . We could surely feel the power of the Spirit with us that night.

"Last night we held a cottage meeting at the home of a woman who had liked the elders for several years but hadn't seen any since 1914. Had quite a few in attendance and sold three Books of Mormon. (This from Lisbon, New Hampshire). Later Elder Mauss, writing from E. Haverill, says: "We held a meeting tonight and had a nice attendance, after going all over town, of course, telling everybody about the meeting Now they have asked us to please stay and have another meeting with them tomorrow night which we shall do. I'm telling you, they are in love with us here. They say they are 'sure there are not two boys in all New England as fine as us'. One lady tonight stood up in the meeting and said that we spoke the gospel in our faces and beings more than we could ever tell in words. She said that our sincerity and the 'twinkle in our eyes' did all the talking. O, the Lord's work is wonderful!"

Elder Mauss sends a clipping from a Lancaster, N. H., paper, "Rotarians Hear Success of Mormons Described," and giving a 300-word report in most favorable style of the remarks of Elder Mauss and Elder David Kezerian.

DON, JR., AND MARJORIE WOOD

Don C. Wood, Jr., of Claremont ward, now a missionary in England where he has been District President of the Hull section of the Church, has been recently assigned the work of traveling over the British Isles showing films on Utah, and lecturing before Rotarians, Youth Clubs, Y.M.C.A.'s, and other civic groups. It is proving a wonderful way in which to make contacts. Don's letters tell of the many people he is thus able to meet, and the fine homes that he is able to enter as a guest and friend, breaking down prejudices. Wales has heard his messages as well as England, and it is supposed that Scotland will be visited in his assigned duties Both Don, Jr., and his fine sister, Marjorie, now laboring in Michigan, are reflecting honor upon their parents and Claremont ward, as well as upon the Berkeley stake, and the whole Church. Both are well and happy in their ministries .Our united prayers will be with them.

YOUTHS RELIGIOUS PROBLEMS

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ize it but the eyes of the young people are upon you. Although it is the duty of each young person to discover the truth for himself, it is also your duty to help the young people find the truth.

And as I gradually find the truth for myself, I will try with all the strength of my being to live up to that which I believe. I would have no other choice.

I do not expect to have a testimony handed to me on a silver platter, for I know that only through a lifetime of living will I be able to say, and mean it when I say—I know that God lives and that this is the true Church of Jesus Christ.

HAYWARD CHAPEL NEARS COMPLETION

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worship in its beautiful accomodations. The ward has grown to a population of about 600, and the end is not in sight in this regard. It is felt that this section of the county of homes and farms and chicken ranches will become the home of many large wards, as time goes on, of which Hayward will then be the mother ward. Some like Doctor Parry have seen Hayward grow from the grass roots to its present proud standing. Hayward's new chapel will represent an outlay of nearly $100,000.

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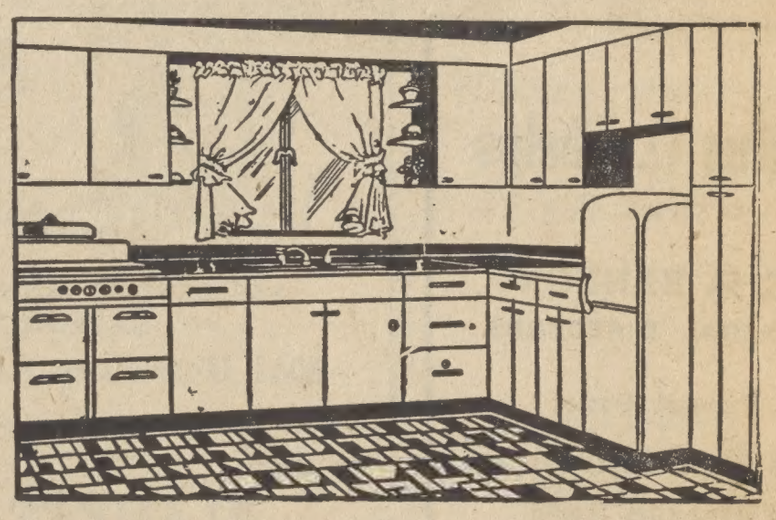
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